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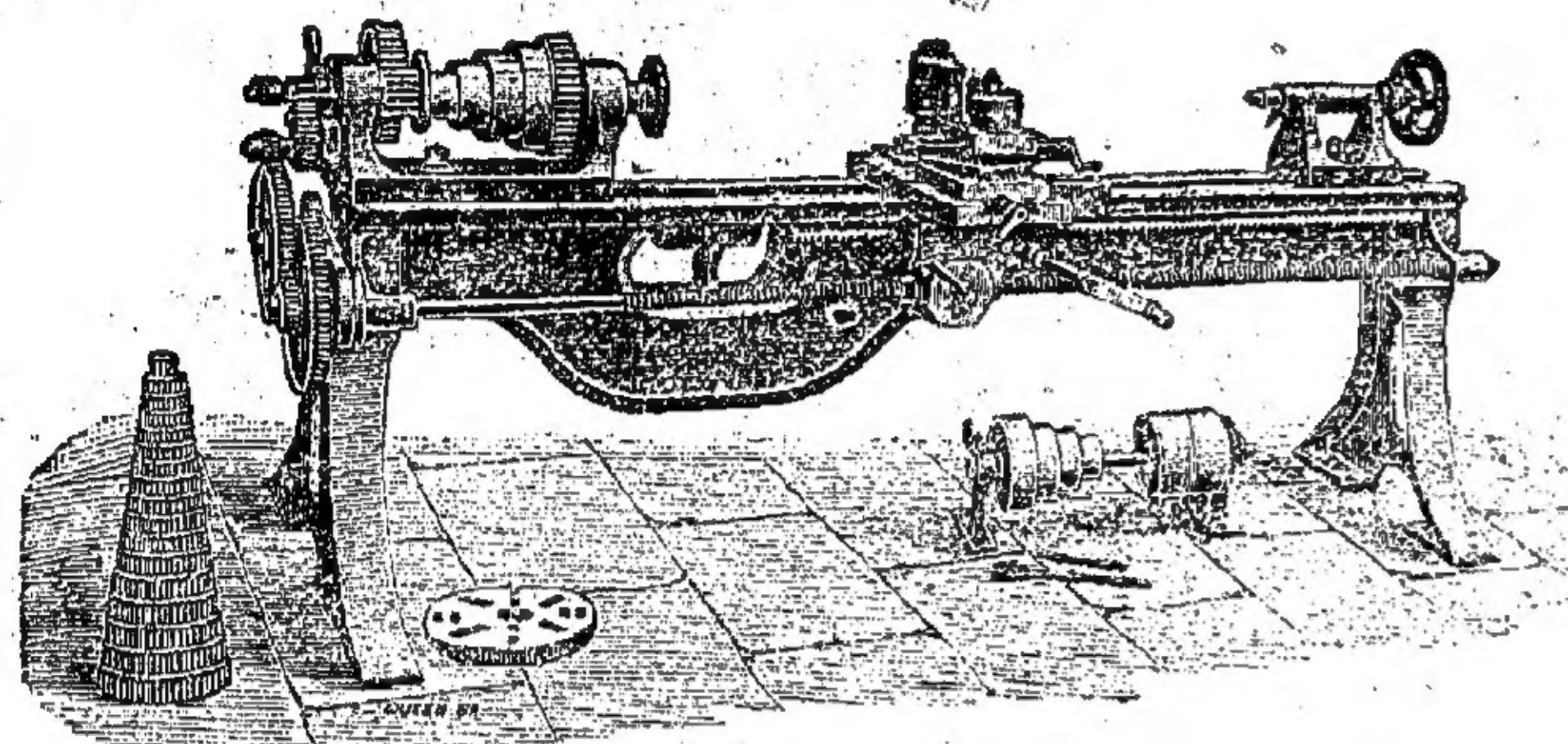
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PLUNKET'S GAP, THE PEAK,

near the TRAM TERMINUS. TELEPHONE 56.

For Terms, Apply to the Manager.

BOARD AND RESIDENCE.

'GLENWOOD,'

21 CAINE ROAD, near the Italian Convent.

COMFORTABLY-FURNISHED ROOMS, Single or in Suite.

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THE TANJONG PAGAR DOCK CO., LIMITED, SINGAPORE.

WANTED, an ASSISTANT MANAGER, Salary \$750 per Month, with free furnished house.

Applications and copies of Testimonials to be sent to the Underigned.

Appointment to be taken up as soon as possible.

THOS. SCOTT, Chairman.

WANTED, a CIVIL ENGINEER.

One who has had experience in building Wharves and Docks preferred.

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LLOYD'S REGISTER OF BRITISH AND FOREIGN SHIPPING.

SUBSCRIBERS to the REGISTER Book for 1901-1902 are requested to send in their names to the Underigned before the 28th of February current.

A copy of the Rules for Shipbuilding is supplied gratis with the Register.

NEWMAN MUMFORD, Surveyor to Lloyd's Register.

Hongkong, February 4, 1901. 270

NOTICE.

WE have This Day Appointed Messrs. WATTS, EDWARDS & Co., of Hongkong, our Sole Agents for that City, South China, and Manila.

O'NEILL, WARNEFORD & CO., London, January 19, 1901. 153

NOTICE.

WE have This Day ESTABLISHED ourselves as Sole Agents in Hongkong, South China, and Manila, for Messrs. O'NEILL, WARNEFORD & Co., Manufacturers and Merchants, of London, Manchester, Birmingham and Hamburg.

WATTS, EDWARDS & CO., Hongkong, January 21, 1901. 154



### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from The Deputy Victualling Store Officer, to sell by Public Auction, on

THURSDAY,

the 14th Instant, at 10 a.m., at H. M. Naval Yard,

SUNDRY VICTUALLING STORES.

Terms:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Government Auctioneers.

Hongkong, February 6, 1901. 300

### To Let.

FURNISHED HOUSE, in Kowloon, for Seven Months, from the end of March, 1901.

Apply to MORE & SEIMUND. 22

TO LET.

INTRA MUROS, CAINE ROAD. Apply to FUNG WA CHUN. Hongkong, January 7, 1901. 2619

TO LET.

Apply, Rev. W. BANISTER, C. M. S. House, 11, Bonham Road. Hongkong, February 8, 1901. 316

TO LET.

A HOUSE in RIFON TERRACE. Apply to THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD. Hongkong, February 2, 1901. 28

TO LET.

'ROSENEATH,' Kowloon. Apply to THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD. Hongkong, February 2, 1901. 293

TO LET, FURNISHED.

'BUDLEIGH,' MACDONNELL ROAD. Apply to M. S. NORTHGOTE. Hongkong, February 5, 1901. 283

FURNISHED HOUSE, TO BE LET.

NO. 14, BELLIOS TERRACE, for Nine Months certain. Terms moderate. Tenancy can commence on 1st April Next.

For Terms and Particulars apply to 'F. R. P.' Office. Care of 'China Mail' Office. Hongkong, February 5, 1901. 285

TO LET, FURNISHED.

Four-Roomed HOUSE, with Two Bathrooms and Dressing Rooms. Apply, 'F. R. P.' Office. Care of 'China Mail' Office. Hongkong, February 6, 1901. 297

TO LET, at Kowloon, ONE ROOM, Furnished or Unfurnished.

Apply to 'M. A.' Office. Care of 'China Mail' Office. Hongkong, February 6, 1901. 298

TO LET.

WESTLEY, with Tennis Court and Garden. Possession on 1st May. RICHMOND TERRACE, Nos. 2, and 3, Possession from 1st April; No. 6, immediate Possession.

Apply to LAU CHU PAK. Care of A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd. Hongkong, February 8, 1901. 30

C. E. WARREN, BUILDING CONTRACTOR.

No. 25, ABERDEEN STREET.

SANITARY Appliances supplied and Fixed.

DRAINS, TUBS, WASTE PIPES, Etc. Cleaned and Repaired.

Sanitary Board Notices receive prompt attention. Hongkong, January 26, 1901. 2387

WILLIAM MACLEOD, D.D.S., DENTIST.

BEACONSFIELD ARCADE, (Opposite HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK).

Hongkong, January 4, 1901. 25

### Robinson Piano Co., Ltd.

HONGKONG, SHANGHAI, SINGAPORE.

MANUFACTURERS OF IRON FRAME

PIANOS.

\$215, \$290, \$335, \$400.

HAARE, METZLER, WERNER.

We personally selected Germany and England thoroughly and found nothing to come near these. They are altogether unequalled in the Colonies and are deserving.

Others by

BRINSMEAD, COLLARD, RACHALS.

FOR SALE.

RURAL BUILDING LOT 162, BARBER ROAD.

Apply to HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE CO., LTD. Hongkong, January 24, 1901. 27

FOR SALE.

CHEAP BUILDING SITES, at Kowloon, for European Houses. Situation All Very Small Capital required. For particulars and plans.

Apply to A. RUMFAX, or to GEO. P. LAMBERT. Hongkong, December 28, 1900. 2522

MUSIC LESSONS.

MR. L. A. GRACA receives Pupils for the VIOLIN, MANDOLINE and PORTUGUESE GUITTARIA.

For Terms, Etc., Apply to ROBINSON PIANO CO., LTD. Hongkong, November 8, 1900. 2253

PIANOFORTE LESSONS.

MISS M. MARQUES DA SILVA begs to notify that she undertakes to give LESSONS in PIANOFORTE to Ladies and Children.

Terms very moderate. Enquiries by letter. Care of 'China Mail' Office. Hongkong, January 17, 1901. 37

DRAGON CYCLE DEPOT.

11, D'ARCY STREET.

BICYCLES.

TYPEWRITERS.

SOLD EXCHANGED AND REPAIRED.

PRICES FROM \$65 TO \$255.

All accessories in Stock. We defy Competition.

Hongkong, 9th February, 1901. 325

### 'KIRIN.'

A Delicate Lager.

THE CELEBRATED BEER OF JAPAN.

QUARTS, \$2.50 per dozen.

PINTS, \$1.75 do.

W. HUTTON POTTS, Sole Agent for Hongkong.

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## BELL'S ASBESTOS EASTERN AGENCY, LIMITED,

4, PRAYA CENTRAL (NEAR THE ENGINEERS' INSTITUTE).

PACKING OF EVERY DESCRIPTION, BOILER COMPOSITION,

ENGINE AND OTHER OILS,

ALWAYS KEPT IN STOCK.

ALL ARTICLES OF FIRST-CLASS QUALITY.

BRADLEY & Co., Managers.

JOHN BROWNELL, Superintendent.

## RACING SEASON.

SADDLES, (from 12 Ounces upwards).

WHIPS, SPURS,

GIRTHS, SURCINGLES

NUMNAHS.

WEIGHT CLOTHES, STIRRUP WEBS AND LEATHERS.

HORSE CLOTHING.

TIES FOR BOWS OR KNOTS.

Lane, Crawford & Co.



## G. H. MUMM & CO.'S

## EXTRA DRY CHAMPAGNE.

SHIRWAN, TOMES & Co.

For Hongkong, Shanghai and Japan.

## THE PHARMACY,

10 Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

ENGLISH AND FOREIGN PATENT MEDICINES. Prescriptions carefully dispensed by a qualified CHEMIST. Special attention to FRENCH and Other FOREIGN FORMULAE.

SOMERVILLE'S 'EXPORT' AND 'GLENDOUR' WHISKIES.

PORTSOY HIGHLAND WHISKY (PURE MALT).

MANILA CIGARS. Manager, RICHARD FLINT.

## HONGKONG HOTEL.

A FIRST-CLASS HOTEL, PROVIDED WITH EVERY COMFORT.

NEWLY-FURNISHED ROOMS.

TWO ELEVATORS.

NEW REFRIGERATING PLANT.

BEST QUALITY LIQUORS & PROVISIONS.

## ASK FOR FERGUSON'S P. & O.

SPECIAL LIQUEUR, 10 YEARS OLD HIGHLAND WHISKY.

FERGUSON'S SPECIAL CREAM

BRADALBANE HIGHLAND WHISKY.

These are the finest productions of Scotland; devoid absolutely of all deleterious matter.

THE CREME DE LA CREME OF WHISKIES.

PURE AND MILD.

Sole Importers, F. BLACKHEAD & Co.

NEW GOODS! NEW GOODS!! NEW GOODS!!!

JUST UNPACKED.

OIL COOKING STOVES,

OIL HEATING STOVES & UTENSILS,

SPIRIT STOVES AND RADIATORS.

W. POWELL & Co.

43, Queen's Road Central.

AN EARLY INSPECTION IS SOLICITED.

KANG ON, CONTRACTOR.

30, D'ARCY STREET, HONGKONG.

CONTRACTS for Local and Coast Port Buildings of all descriptions. Supplying TIMBER, BRICKS, GRANITE, and all BUILDING MATERIALS at very MODERATE PRICES, and undertake the engagement of CARPENTERS, SMITHS and MASONS.

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### CHEE WING.

DEALER IN

All Sorts of COPPER, BRASS, STEEL,

IRON WARE, &c.,

Suitable for

SHIP, ENGINEERS and HOUSE BUILDERS.

Hongkong, May 29, 1900. 1237

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## CINCHONA TONIC

VERSUS

ANOPHELES.

The best Antidote for the Bite of the Malarial Mosquito is the free use of Cinchona Tonic.

Cinchona Tonic is a delicious Beverage and a Sure Preventative of Malarial Fever.

MANUFACTURED ONLY BY

Watkins' Limited,

Acetated Water Manufacturers, Hongkong.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.

## Portland Cement.

In casks of 375 lbs net \$5.00 per cask, ex Factory.

In bags of 250 lbs net \$3.00 per bag, ex Factory.

Factories—HONGKONG AND MACAO.

Glazed Stoneware, Drain Pipes and Fittings, Glazed

Paving Bricks and Tiles, Fire Bricks and Fire Clay.

FIRE CLAY WORKS.—DEEP WATER BAY, HONGKONG.

For further particulars, apply to

Shewan, Tomes & Co.,

GENERAL AGENTS. 2935

Pianoforte Tuning, Repairing, Etc.

Having increased our Staff efficiently, we are prepared to receive additional Annual or other Tunings, and to guarantee satisfaction. Repairs can also now be undertaken with confidence, our new assistants being conversant with the needs of Pianos in a Climate such as Hongkong.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

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CHAS. HEIDSIECK'S

## CHAMPAGNES:

WHITE SEAL (1893 VINTAGE).

CACHET IMPERIAL (Extra Dry; Gout Americain)

SIEMSEN & CO.,

SOLE AGENTS FOR CHINA AND JAPAN.

EL CAPITAN

Pilsener Beer.

CASES OF 4 DOZEN QUARTS AND 6 DOZEN PINTS ... \$13.00

SOLE AGENTS:

H. PRICE & Co.,

12, QUEEN'S ROAD.

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## VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

DAKINS ANISEED & LICORICE COUGH BALSAM.

For the Relief of all CATARRHAL COMPLAINTS, such as COUGHS, COLDS, HOARSENESS, and SORENESS of the CHEST.

Price 50 Cents and \$1.

CRICKSHANK'S COUGH BALSAM.

A VALUABLE REMEDY FOR INFLUENZA, COLIC, BRONCHITIS, ASTHMA, and all Disorders of the CHEST and LUNGS. Price \$1 per Bottle.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY,

QUEEN'S ROAD.

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GEO. YOUNGER'S ALLOA INDIA

PALE ALE.

In Bulk at the following Rates:—

Per Hhd. Per Kilderkin. Per Firkin. Per 4½ Gallon.

\$35.00 \$14.00 \$4.00 \$4.25

In Bottle at per 4 dozen Quarts per 6 dozen Pints

\$11.00 \$14.00

Supplies on Application to:—

Caldbeck, Macgregor & Co.,

WINE & SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

15, Queen's Road, Hongkong, February 11, 1901. 2049

THE CHINA MAIL.

MEMOS. FOR TOMORROW.

Meeting.  
9 p.m.—Meeting of Lodge St. John.  
Amusements.  
9 p.m.—Harrison's Grand Circus, at the Recreation Ground (Near the Race Course).  
Miscellaneous.  
9.10 p.m.—Lecture, by Captain G. C. Anderson, in the City Hall.

General Memoranda.

Wednesday, January 13.  
Goods per *Amoy* arrived undelivered after 2 p.m. this date landed.  
Thursday, February 14.  
10 a.m.—Auction of Sundry Victualling Stores, at H. M. Naval Yard.  
Friday, February 15.  
Goods per *Richmond Castle* undelivered after this date subject to re-shipment.  
Saturday, February 16.  
Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, at the City Hall.  
8.30 p.m.—Meeting of Perseverance Lodge.  
Monday, February 25.  
Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong and Wharfedale Dock Co., Ltd., at the Company's Office, Queen's Buildings, New Kowloon.  
Wednesday, March 6.  
Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at the Office of the Company, Paddocks Street.  
Thursday, March 7.  
3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at the Company's Office, No. 2, Queen's Road Central.

Exchange.

HONGKONG, February 11, 1901.

On London	...	2.0
Bank, Wire	...	2.0 1/2
On demand	...	2.0 1/2
30 days sight	...	2.0 1/2
4 months sight	...	2.0 1/2
Credit, 4	...	2.0 1/2
Documentary, 4 months sight	...	2.0 1/2
On Paris	...	2.52 1/2
On demand	...	2.52 1/2
Credit, 4 months sight	...	2.52 1/2
On Berlin—Demand	...	2.05 1/2
On New York	...	48 1/2
On demand	...	48 1/2
Credit, 30 days sight	...	48 1/2
On Bombay	...	14 1/2
On demand	...	14 1/2
On Calcutta	...	14 1/2
On demand	...	14 1/2
On Singapore	...	1 1/2 p.m.
On demand	...	1 1/2 p.m.
On Shanghai	...	1 1/2 p.m.
On demand	...	1 1/2 p.m.
30 days sight (private paper)	...	7 1/2
On Yokohama	...	14 1/2 p.m.
On demand	...	14 1/2 p.m.
Gold Loan, 100 (per ton)	...	51.75
Silver (per 100)	...	28 3/4

Advertisements.

THE Attention of Advertisers is drawn to the latest rates for receiving Advertisements and Corrections to Advertisements.

Alterations and additions to Advertisements on Pages 1 and 2, should be sent to this Office not later than 10 a.m. New Advertisements should be sent in before 3 p.m.

BAIN & REID.

CHINA MAIL, Office, Dec. 1900.



A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

Established A.D. 1841.

SCOTCH WHISKY.

Perf. Case

A.—THORNES BLEND, White

Capsule ... .. 8.10.50

B.—WATSON'S GLENORCHY,

MELLOW BLEND, Blue

Capsule, with Name and

Trade Mark ... .. 10.50

C.—WATSON'S ABERLOUR-

GLENLIVET, Red Cap-

sule, with Name and Trade

Mark ... .. 12.00

D.—WATSON'S H.K.D. BLEND

OF THE FINEST SCOTCH

MALT WHISKIES, Vi-

 olet Capsule ... .. 14.40 |

E.—WATSON'S VERY OLD

LIQUEUR SCOTCH

WHISKY, Gold Capsule ... 15.00

THORNES BLEND and WATSON'S

GLENORCHY are high-class Soda

Whiskies, of greater age than most brands

in the Market.

ABERLOUR-GLENLIVET is very old

Peat Whisky, (smoky) and could not

be replaced in stock at the price.

D is well known for its fine flavour.

E is of superb quality and pronounced

by leading local connoisseurs to be

the best brand in the Hongkong market.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED,

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

MARRIAGE.

At the English Church, Nagasaki, Japan, on 30th January, by the Rev. A. P. Fulford, JAMES, third son of the late William SMITH, Glasgow, to Mary KYLE, only adopted child of the late Mrs Whyte, Roseneath, Scotland.

DEATHS.

On the 4th February, at No. 1, Nanking Road, Shanghai, FRANCIS CLAUDE HAMPTON DUNFORD, aged 10 months.

At Forest Lodge, Cairne Road, on the 9th February, 1901, PAUL JOMAY, aged 49 years. Deeply regretted.

At No. 1, College Gardens, on the 11th February, SARAH RUSSELL, aged 61 years. Deeply regretted.

The publication of this notice commenced at 5.30 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1901.

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Notes by the Way.

It is notified that Market Street will in future bear the name of 'Po Hing Fong.'

A campaign has been started by the missionaries against immorality in Shanghai.

It is rumored that the Bank of Japan and the Yokohama Specie Bank are to be amalgamated.

A case of death from hydrophobia is reported from Yokohama—a Japanese man being the victim.

A sharp shock of earthquake was experienced in Kobe at 1.15 p.m. on Jan. 30, lasting about 30 seconds.

A team of missionaries played a team from H. M. S. *Essex* at Ichang a fortnight ago at 'soccer' football. The sailors won.

Fathers Vial, Gorostaran, and Kircher left Louky for Yunnan City on 4th inst. The Customs officials have also returned to their posts.

One more case of plague falls to be added to the list, which makes 10 cases since the beginning of the year. All were Chinese and all terminated fatally.

There have been several large fires in Shanghai, involving foreign insurance companies in heavy losses. So far as we are aware, the local insurance companies have escaped.

For stealing away on board the *Essex*, on the passage from Manila to Hongkong, Thomas Moore, an American, aged 20 years, was sent to prison for four teen days.

There were 394 European and 115 Chinese visitors to the City Hall Library and 163 European and 2,622 Chinese visitors to the Museum during the week ending 10th February.

A decree by the King of Siam, prohibiting the exportation of arms to China and Hongkong, and a Regulation by H. B. M. Charge d'Affaires at Bangkok, are published in the *Gazette*.

Yesterday, the body of a Chinaman was found, suspended by the neck, in a drain, at a house in course of construction, at Des Vaux Road Central. It is supposed that the man had committed suicide.

Under the Marriage Ordinance of 1875, notice is given in the *Gazette* that the American Board Mission Church has been licensed by H. E. the Governor for the celebration of marriages.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to recognize Mr. Jesus Gonzalez as in charge of the Spanish and Peruvian Consulates in Hongkong, during the temporary absence from the Colony of Mr. J. M. Zúñiga, the Acting Consul.

Additional police and police pension regulations have been substituted for those published in 1895, which have been repealed by the Governor-in-Council. They are published in the *Gazette*, and refer to punishments for offences and their effect on pensions.

The Yuchou Taotai and H. M. Consul have given their consent for missionaries to return, and now workers are on their way to Changsha and Siangtan on the Siang River, and Changteh and Shenchen on the Yuan River.

The *Empire* de *Alfonso* says that the Emperor has disapproved of the Russo-Chinese Manchurian Convention, and has ordered Prince Ching and Li Hung-chang to approach the Russian Minister with the object of having the Convention annulled.

The tribute money sent up to Hsian-fu from the provinces amounts already to more than (£10,000,000) and the Emperor Dowager is said to be now contemplating erecting a new palace with a surrounding wall at a cost of over one million taels.

It is notified in the *Gazette* that Mr. John Lambert has been authorized by H. E. the Governor, under Section 2 (d) of Ordinance 9 of 1892, to be a surveyor of boilers of unlicensed steamships under 60 tons burden, during the absence from the Colony of Mr. E. J. Main.

Mr. Cheung T'ai has been provisionally and until further notice appointed a Deputy Registrar to undertake such portion of the duties of Registrar of the Land Court as cannot conveniently be performed by the Registrar while at Tai Po in the new territory, or as the Court may direct.

'The Yellow Dragon.'

The fifth number of Vol. II. of *The Yellow Dragon*, the Queen's College monthly, is now in the hands of subscribers. It is a great number, and contains an excellently written memorial notice of the late Queen Victoria, over the familiar initials of 'T.K.D.' The School Notes are full, and show that there is a good deal being done at Queen's College to widen the horizon of the pupils.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A Compradore Arrested.

A compradore in the service of the Messageries Flaviales at Haiphong has been arrested on a charge of embezzling \$800. The alleged embezzlement is said to have been committed in connection with the sale of tickets to Chinese passengers.

French Steamers for Eastern Trade.

The Compagnie des Chargeurs Réunis has decided to run a regular line of steamers between Haiphong and Saigon and Haiphong. Six new steamers have been built for the trade at St. Nazaire and Havre.

Terrible Disaster in Japan.

According to a Tokyo telegram, dated the 29th January, the second hospital of the Tokyo University was destroyed by fire at 6 a.m. on that date. There was a terrible loss of life, 32 out of 96 patients being burnt to death.

Weather Observations.

The Meteorological Observations made at Hongkong Observatory during the past month show that the maximum temperature was 75.8, while the lowest was 60.8, giving a mean for the month of 68.5. There were 194.3 hours of sunshine, and 0.685 of an inch of rain, while the average wind velocity was 13.6. The greatest velocity attained was 24.1 miles per hour.

Widows' and Orphans' Pension Fund.

The report for 1900 on the Hongkong Widows' and Orphans' Pension Fund is published in the *Gazette*. The amount to the credit of the Fund on 31st December was \$88,733.24, which included \$402.96 interest paid by the Government. The average monthly contributions amounted to \$1200. On the 31st December, 1899, the number of contributors on the books was 246, and at the same date last year the number was 319, an increase of 73. The contributors are made up as follows:—139 husbands, 175 married men, and 8 widowers. During the period under review, 111 officers joined the Fund, 30 left and 4 died. The total number of children on the list was 271. The pensioners numbered 14, and their pensions aggregated \$1341.94 per annum. The report is signed by Hon. A. M. Thomson, Chairman, and Mr. A. W. Brown, Dr. Clark, Mr. E. H. d'Almeida and E. Cornwell Lewis, directors, and Hon. J. H. Stewart Lockhart, C.M.G., Colonial Secretary, etc.

Victoria Goal Returns.

The *Victoria* goal returned to the Registrar of Prisons, and was admitted to Victoria Goal, under sentence from the Ordinary Courts, was 5293, besides 127 soldiers and sailors sentenced by Courts-Martial. There were 30 prisoners admitted for debt and 121 in default of finding security, making a total of 5422. Of these, 702 were old offenders. The total of the previous year was 4769. The daily average was 481 as compared with 434 for 1899 and 510 in 1898. The number of prisoners admitted for offences not of a criminal nature was 2297, of which 1200 were sentenced to the gaol for 444, gambling 503, disorderly conduct 477, Sanitary bye-laws 146, arms 69 and drunkennes 129. There were six deaths and two executions during the year. The industrial employment of prisoners remained the same as last year. The value of the printing done by them amounted to \$17,365.57 and the net profit on this department to \$12,094.41. The total profits on all industrial labour amounted to \$17,438.34. It is pointed out that the accommodation is insufficient, and that the building of a new prison for convicts should receive early consideration.

A Reform Decree.

The Reform Decree mentioned in these columns yesterday has arrived in Shanghai (says the *N. C. Daily News* of the 6th inst.), that is to say, a copy of it. It is a private message to the Viceroy and Governors of the Empire and not a general decree to officials and people of the country. The decree commences with the Emperor's attempts at Reform in 1898, most of which were good for the country. Unfortunately there were traitors and backbiters at Court who disturbed the friendship between the Emperor Dowager and the Emperor, prevented unanimity, and made their Majesties bitter enemies. These intrigues have now come to light and their Majesties are now conscious of their respective failings; they are now determined to act with unanimity and mutual friendliness for the best welfare and interests of the empire. Amongst the reforms needed by the country's first and foremost the speedy construction of the Yangtze Valley Railway, and the railways connecting Shanghai, Soochow and Nanjing. Another reform is to change the present methods of literary examinations. The decree closes with: 'Our Viceroy and Governors of the Empire must not think the above are empty words; they must know that we are determined to carry out reforms through without fail, and they are forthwith commanded to send us recommendations of reforms as well as to faithfully state what they think of our own suggestions.'

Steams' Wine of Cod Liver Oil.

Steams' Emulsion and the many substitutes offered for Cod Liver Oil. The beneficial effect is experienced at once. Sold by all Chemists, Wholesale and Retail from A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., Hongkong.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Japanese Budget.

The Budget Committee has, it is reported, passed the Japanese Government's proposal for increasing the taxes on salt, sugar, beer, tobacco, alcohol and petroleum. The proposals are opposed by a section of the Committee, but was finally approved.

Japanese Coal.

The demand for Japanese coal is increasing in the Philippines. During the last three months of 1900, the coal bought by the U. S. Government at Manila amounted to 7,617 tons, the value being \$37,040. The United States Government, moreover, bought 16,000 tons of coal at Nagasaki, Yokohama and Hongkong during 1900, the value of which was \$149,238.

Keep Your Doors Closed.

We have been requested to draw attention to the fact that, at this season of the year, there is always a considerable influx of bad characters, who come from the interior and from the outlying parts of the Colony with the intention of making a little spoil during the New Year festivities. People, Chinese particularly, had better lock the doors and secure the windows of their houses when they go out in the evening.

The 'Sulphur.'

The Idang correspondent of the *N. C. Daily News* on 25th January—There is a report current that an attempt is to be made to raise the ill-fated German steamer, 'The Sulphur,' of Melchers & Co., which is here on behalf of the underwriters. But if any attempt is to be made it is about time it was done, as in two months the water will be rising and any diving operations would be difficult. At present the river is very low and the water is beautifully blue and clear.

Harmston's Circus.

The Circus is still doing good business, and this week promises to be more popular than ever. Saturday's programme was heartily enjoyed by the audiences at both performances. The Jansons are the recipients of unstinted applause. To-night, there will be a change in the bill, introducing all the company and the famous stud of horses in the great spectacle 'Fris Diavolo.' To-morrow evening, the tug-of-war commences. This promise to be one of the most exciting contests ever held in Hongkong, for, on the whole, the advertisement elsewhere, a large number of military and naval teams will be engaged—exclusive of the Royal Welch Fusiliers, the crack team of the *Brooklyn* (which will give an international interest to the competition) and two from the Siege Train. The captains interested must be hand when the draw takes place to-night in the Circus at 9.30. The usual matinee takes place on Wednesday.

Poisonous Snakes in Hongkong.

The *N. C. Daily News* of the 6th inst. has a contributed article from Captain Wall, I.M.S., on 'Poisonous Snakes in China,' in the course of which frequent references are made to specimens in the Hongkong Museum. Amongst those mentioned are the *Naja tigrina* or common cobra, whose bite is fatal, and which grows to 8 ft. 4 in. or more; the *Bungarus fasciatus* (this usually fatal), which grows to 8 ft. 6 in.; and a specimen of which Capt. Wall found in the swamp at Kowloon on 21st November last; the *Bungarus sinensis* (this fatal), which grows to 4 ft.; the *Trimeresurus granulosus* the green pit viper or bamboo snake (this not usually fatal to a healthy adult); the *Calophis maculata*, a small and very beautiful little snake (this not likely to be fatal); the *Naja bungarus* or *ophiophagus elaps* or king cobra, 15 ft. long; and the *Aniastorodon blanfordi*, *Idiops blanfordi*, a pit viper, found in Japan, Formosa, and China. With regard to the bamboo snake, Capt. Wall writes:—This is very common in and about Hongkong; there are many specimens in the museum there, and I myself procured four specimens during my four months' stay there, three from the island itself and one from Stonecutter's Island. There is at least one better specimen in the Shanghai Museum, presumably from China, though no habitat is recorded. I am familiar with this snake, as it is common in Burma, and I believe its bite, though producing serious symptoms, does not usually kill an adult in good health. Capt. Evans and I have recorded the largest specimen, viz., three feet eight inches. Of the *Naja bungarus* or *ophiophagus elaps* he says: 'This is the hamadryad, or king cobra, or snake-eating cobra, and the largest known poisonous snake in the world. I saw a young specimen, probably a hatchling, in the Hongkong Museum, of local production, and also a few weeks ago had the opportunity of examining a fairly large specimen which had been recently killed on the new territory a few miles from Hongkong. Its bite is as deadly as that of the cobra, and it is known to frequently attack man when disturbed. It grows to fifteen feet, probably more.'

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The Chinese Commissioners have not yet replied to the demand of the Allies for the punishment of the guilty officials.

PREPARING FOR HOSTILITIES.

The Chinese are evidently preparing for further hostilities. They have garrisoned all the passes leading from the territory occupied by the Allied forces.

BOXERS RETURN TO PEKING.

Chinese spies report the return to Peking of many Boxers.

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